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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

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KUWAIT POUCH BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: IRAQI MILITARY COLLEGE DELEGATION VISITS DOHA

1. AS PART OF TOUR OF GULF STATES, ON DEC 27 A LARGE DELEGATION (OVER 50 PERSONS) FROM THE IRAQI MILITARY COLLEGE ARRIVED IN DOHA FOR A THREE DAY VISIT. THE DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE, LIEUTENANT COLONEL ABDUL JABER AL ASSADI. ASSADI MET WITH THE COMMANDER AND CHIEF OF QATAR'S ARMED FORCES, SHAYKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI AND OTHER MILITARY OFFICIALS. MEETINGS WERE ALSO HELD WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AND RANKING MEMBERS OF QATAR'S ARMEYEFORCES. THE IRAQI MILITARY COLLEGE DELEGATION LEFT DOHA FOR ABU DHABI ON DEC 29.

2. NO OFFICIAL WORD HAS BEEN ISSUED ON EXACT PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF DELEGATION'S VISIT. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, AND HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO

SOLICIT GULF STATES CANDIDATES FOR MILITARY TRAINING IN IRAQ.
DELEGATION MIGHT ALSO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SELL IRAQI ARMS AND
POSSIBLY HAVE SOME INPUT INTO THE AHSB ARMS AND MUNITIONS FACTORY
THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE SET UP IN EGYPT IN COOPERATION WITH GULF
STATES. WE BELIEVE DELEGATION ALSO SERVED PURPOSE OF REMINDING
COUNTRIES IN AREA THAT IRAQ WOULD HAVE TO FIGURE SIGNIFICANTLY
IN ANY GULF SECURITY PACT.
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